14 per cent to 13 percent effective May 11, 1996 and to 12 per cent effctive July 6, 1996;

(ii) removal of CRR obligation from the Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE) Account Schemes w.e.f. fortnight beginning April 13, 1996;

(iii) reduction in Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) on outstanding NRE deposits from 30 percent to 25 percent.

(iv) deregulation of interest rates on NRE term deposits of over two years,w.e.f. April 4, 1996, also of interest rate on domestic term deposits of over 1 year w.e.f. July 2, 1996, and reduction in interest rate on reduced maturity of 30 days and upto one year to 'not exceeding 11 per cent per annum'.

(v) enhancement of loan component from 40 per cent to 60 per cent of assesed maximum permissible bank finance of Rs. 20 crores and above; and

(vi) liberalisation of of selective credit controls through reduction in minimum margins and upward revision of credit ceilings.

All these measures are expected to augment the supply of bank credit to promote growth of production and trade and consolidate the hardwon gains on inflation front.

मनाली में पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० 21 को बारहमासी राजमार्ग के रूप में बनाया जाना

899. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या पर्यटन मंत्री 7 मार्च, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 856 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कुल्लू और मनाली के बीच पर्यटकों की भीड़भाड़ को देखते हुए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं०-21 को बारहमासी राजमार्ग के रूप में बना दिया गया है;

(ख) इस वर्ष 30 जून, 1996 तक कुल कितने देशी और विदेशी पर्यटक मनाली आए;

(ग) क्या पिछले तीन वर्षों की तुलना में इस समय पर्यटकों की संख्या में वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितनी वृद्धि हुई है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जेना): (क) जी, हां। राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० 21 बारहमासी राजमार्ग है।

(ख) से (घ) राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार पहली जनवरी से 30 जून, 96 तक मनाली में 21,5134 पर्यटक (स्वदेशी और विदेशी) आए। इस अवधि के दौरान पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तुलना में मनाली में पर्यटक यातायात में 33% की कमी आयी। तथापि, पिछले वर्षों की इन्हीं अवधियों की तुलना में वर्ष 1995 में 3.0 प्रतिशत और वर्ष 1994 में 26.7 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है।

Advances by NHB for Development of Housing in Karnataka

900. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The total advances made by the National Housing Bank for development of Housing in Karnataka during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) which are the Banks and Housing Companies through which the National Housing Bank has made these advances, agency-wise;

(c) how much of the total assistance for Karnataka has been distributed through Co-operative Banks; and

(d) whether the National Housing Bank will consider advancing Housing Loans through Urban Co-operative Banks as it reaches to common man?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) National Housing Bank (NHB) has reported that the total refinance made by NHB to implementing agencies i.e. scheduled commercial banks, housing finance companies and co-

operative sector financing institutions for the State of Karnataka during 1994-95 and 1995-96 were Rs. 2,479.86 lakhs and Rs. 2,825.58 lakhs respectively. The agency-wise details of the total refinance made by NHB to various implementing agencies for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 as furnished by NHB are given in the statement (see below) NHB has reported that annual State-wise disbursements of refinance is currently available from 1994-95 onwards only.

(c) Total amount disbursed by NHB to Karnataka under the Co-operative sector, has been Rs. 2,661.03 lakhs upto 30th June, 1996 through the Karnataka State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd.

(d) Yes, Sir. NHB's refinance scheme for Scheduled Primary (Urban) Co-operative Bank is in operation since 1989.

Statement

The Agency-wise details of the total refinance made by National Housing Bank (NHB) to various implementing agencies for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the Agencies	1994-95	1995-96
Karnataka State Co-operative Agriculture & Rural Development Bank Ltd.	172.13$	751.26$
Can Fin Homes Ltd.	795.04	690.49
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.	478.17	784.22
H.D.F.C	711.04	
Ind Bank Housing Ltd.	35.25	177.35
PNB Hosusing Finance Ltd.	2.40	
Vysya Bank Housing Finance Ltd.	285.83	357.81
AB Homes Finance Ltd.		63.70
Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd.		0.75
TOTAL	2,479.86	2,825.58

$ Indicates amount subscribed by NHB in Special Rural Housing Debentures Floated by the eligible institutions.

Pending claims with GIC, LIC and Peerless Insurance Companies

901. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of claims pending with the General Insurance Corporation, Life Insurance Corporation and Peerless Insurance Companies at present in the country;

(b) the details of pending cases for the last three years;

(c) the reasons for non-clearance of these cases; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The requisite information as furnished by the Life Insurance Corpation of India (LIC) and the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) is in the enclosed statemen (See below).